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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY MARCH 14

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1. MIDDLE EAST. PRESS AGAIN IGNORES SECRETARY'S NEGOTIATIONS BUT CARRIES TASS ITEM FROM BAGHDAD REPORTING IRAQI-SYRIAN COMMUNIST CALL FOR "THE PREVENTION OF ONE-SIDED CAPITULATIONIST AND PARTIAL DECISIONS

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(RESHENIE)." TASS SUMMARY OF COMMUNIQUE REPORTS IN

ADDITION THAT COMMUNIST LEADERS CHARGED THAT U.S. AND ISRAELI POLICY "IS AIMED AT UNDERMINING THE UNITY OF ARAB PROGRESSIVE FORCES, AT SABOTAGING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND AT WEAKENING COOPERATION WITH THE USSR." REPORT SAYS COMMUNIST LEADERS CALLED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 FRONTIERS AND FOR SECURING PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS. IZVESTIYA NOTES MEETINGS IN DAMASCUS BETWEEN A DELEGATION OF THE SOVIET AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE AND SYRIAN BAATH PARTY OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO REPORT H. FAKHUM (PHONETIC), CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL, PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

2. CYPRUS. MAJOR DAILIES CARRY TASS REPORT ON SECURITY COUNCIL'S CYPRUS RESOLUTION. REPORT STRESSES USSR'S CRITICISM OF THE RESOLUTION. MAJOR PORTIONS OF AMBASSADOR MALIK'S ADDRESS ARE REPLAYED. WORK OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON CYPRUS, TASS CHARGES, "SHOWED AGAIN THAT CERTAIN NATO CIRCLES ARE TRYING TO PREVENT THE UN AND ITS MAIN ORGAN FOR SUPPORTING PEACE AND SECURITY FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM." SEPARATE NICOSIA-DATELINED TASS ITEM REPORTS MAKARIOS STATEMENT THAT SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION IS NOT COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY, BUT CONTAINS POSITIVE ELEMENTS.

3. CSCE. AN IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY EVENING MARCH 13 ON THE DUBLIN EC SUMMIT DEVOTES MINIMUM SPACE TO CSCE DECLARATION FROM THAT MEETING. COMMENTARY DOES PICK UP SENTENCE IN STATEMENT CALLING FOR COMPLETION OF THE CONFERENCE "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." TASS REPORT IN PRAVDA MARCH 14 NOTES SESSION MARCH 13 OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES FOR THE THIRD STAGE. REPORT CLAIMS THAT DURING DISCUSSIONS AT SESSION, UNANIMOUS DESIRE WAS EXPRESSED THAT THE CEREMONIAL OPENING BE PRESIDED OVER BY KEKKONEN.

4. INDOCHINA. IZVESTIYA FRONT PAGES A COMMENTARY FROM ITS HANOI CORRESPONDENT IL'INSKIY ON THE ADVANCE OF THE "PEOPLE'S FORCES" AROUND PHNOM PENH AND THE PROBLEMS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LON NOL REGIME. THE ARTICLE NOTES THE FIRING OF GENERAL FERNANDES, WHOM IT SAYS HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE PENTAGON AND THE CIA. PRAVDA'S COMMENTARY, BY KRUSHINSKIY, REPORTS THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON SUPPLEMENTING AID TO SVN AND CAMBODIA, HIGHLIGHTING THE OPPOSITION TO AND FUTILITY OF SUCH AID AND PRAISING THOSE ELEMENTS OF U.S. SOCIETY WHICH SEEK THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

PORTUGAL. MEDIA COVERAGE REMAINED HEAVY, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE COUP ATTEMPT, ITS SUPPORT BY VARIOUS RIGHTIST FORCES, ITS SUCCESSFUL THWARTING AND THE RETURN TO NORMALCY. IZVESTIYA CARRIES A SUMMARY SEQUENCE OF THE MAIN EVENTS, PRAVDA HAS A COMMENTARY ON THE GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION AFTER THE ATTEMPT, RURAL LIFE RECOUNTS THE CHANGES SINCE LAST APRIL AND REPLAYS THE CHARGE FROM THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPER "MORNING STAR" ALLEGING A CIA HAND BEHIND THE COUP ATTEMPT. THE MAIN EVENING TELEVISION NEWS ON MARCH 13 FEATURED A COMMENTARY ON PORTUGAL WHICH GROUPED THE VARIOUS "RIGHTIST" FORCES, NOTED THAT SOME CONSPIRATORS HAD HIDDEN IN WESTERN EMBASSIES AFTER THEIR FAILURE, STRESSED THAT THINGS WERE NOW NORMALIZING IN PORTUGAL AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER SUCCESS AND PROGRESS.
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